

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

### West Virginia

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 66 percent of the households in West Virginia took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. West Virginia households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in West Virginia took 6.1 million person-trips, an average of 4.3 trips and 2,502 miles per traveler. Visitors to West Virginia took 8.5 million person-trips, an average of 5.5 trips and 3,193 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to West Virginia has grown 42 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 37 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 17 percent and the number of miles has increased 28 percent since 1977.
- People who live in West Virginia take 4.2 car trips per traveler compared with 1.7 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (3,583 miles) than by car (2,158 miles).
- Travelers from West Virginia who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.0 trips per traveler compared with 6.5 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in West Virginia are Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania also are the most popular origin states for travelers to West Virginia.

**Table 1. Travel Characteristics for West Virginia and the United States: 1977 and 1995**

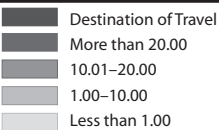
	West Virginia			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
<b>People who live in area</b>						
Percent traveling households	59	66	12.0	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	2.6	4.0	53.8	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	4.4	6.0	36.4	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	1.6	3.3	106.2	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.3	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	2,502	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	580	NA	709	827	16.6
<b>People who visit area</b>						
Trips per traveler	3.2	5.5	71.9	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,014	3,193	58.5	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	630	580	-7.9	709	827	16.6

**Note:** Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



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NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

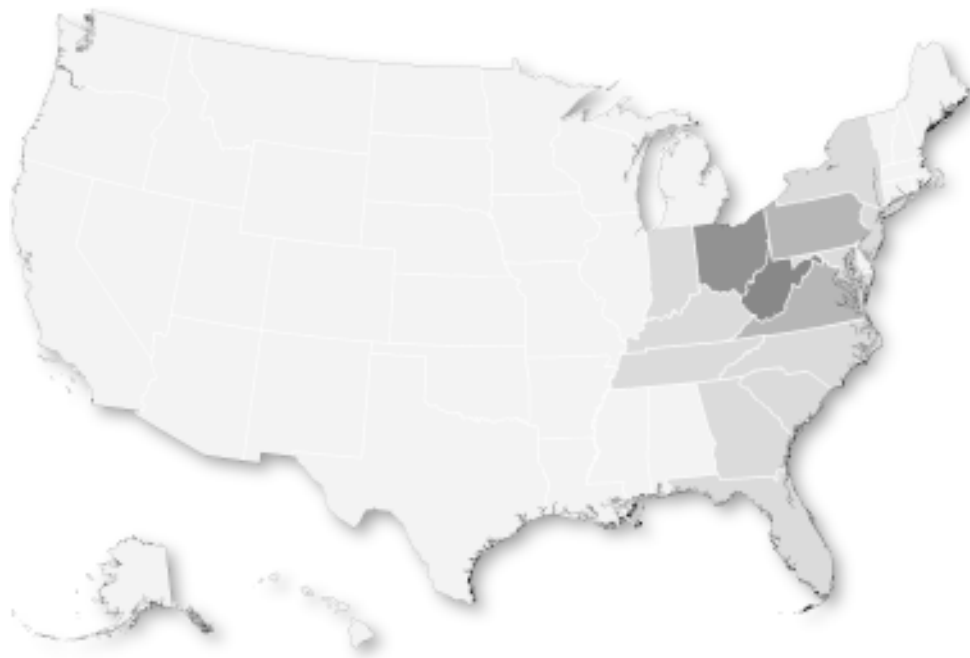
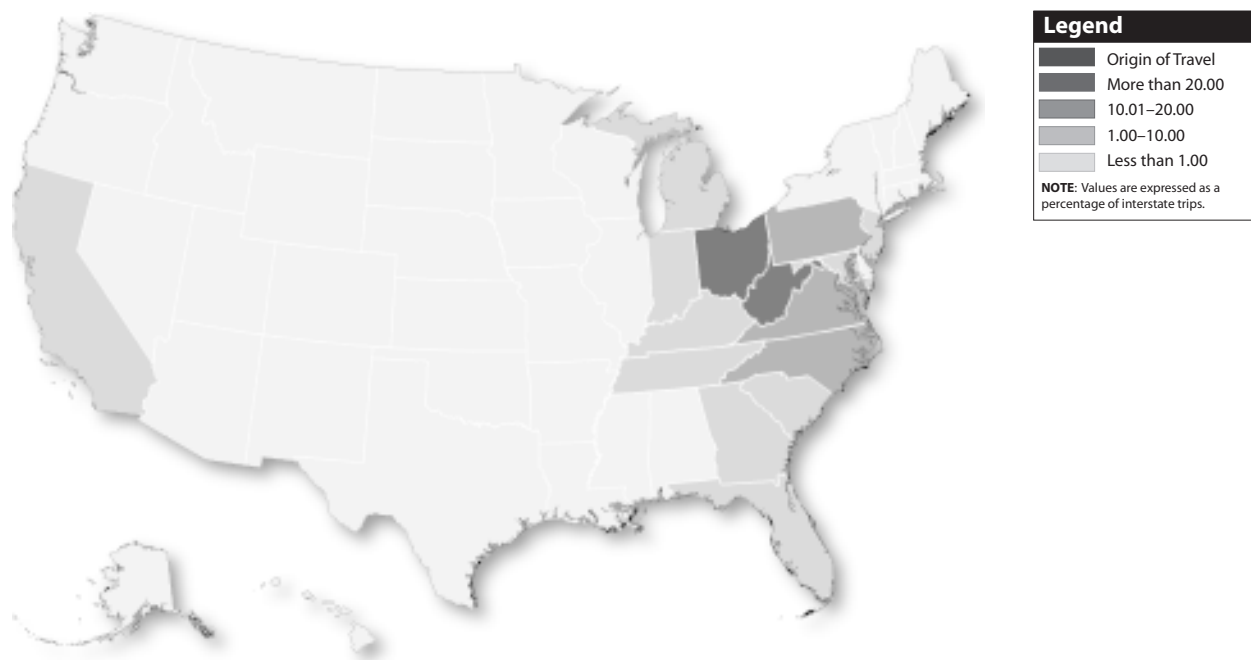


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit West Virginia (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN WEST VIRGINIA		1,854		
Alabama	37		Missouri	21
Alaska	1		Montana	4
Arizona	—		Nebraska	4
Arkansas	7		Nevada	4
California	118		New Hampshire	6
Colorado	10		New Jersey	98
Connecticut	28		New Mexico	1
Delaware	24		New York	52
District of Columbia	64		North Carolina	694
Florida	124		North Dakota	1
Georgia	127		Ohio	1,687
Hawaii	1		Oklahoma	14
Idaho	—		Oregon	5
Illinois	47		Pennsylvania	845
Indiana	102		Rhode Island	4
Iowa	2		South Carolina	74
Kansas	6		South Dakota	1
Kentucky	418		Tennessee	106
Louisiana	7		Texas	—
Maine	2		Utah	2
Maryland	610		Vermont	1
Massachusetts	21		Virginia	1,102
Michigan	95		Washington	5
Minnesota	—		Wisconsin	8
Mississippi	7		Wyoming	2

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error. Symbol — represents zero or rounds to zero.  
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables.

**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in West Virginia (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN WEST VIRGINIA		1,854		
Alabama	12		Missouri	26
Alaska	2		Montana	2
Arizona	5		Nebraska	1
Arkansas	7		Nevada	13
California	25		New Hampshire	2
Colorado	10		New Jersey	61
Connecticut	7		New Mexico	1
Delaware	22		New York	117
Dolumbia	64		North Carolina	349
Florida	165		North Dakota	—
Georgia	62		Ohio	1,175
Hawaii	4		Oklahoma	2
Idaho	4		Oregon	—
Illinois	28		Pennsylvania	461
Indiana	85		Rhode Island	2
Iowa	5		South Carolina	225
Kansas	2		South Dakota	1
Kentucky	153		Tennessee	150
Louisiana	14		Texas	28
Maine	8		Utah	1
Maryland	197		Vermont	3
Massachusetts	25		Virginia	573
Michigan	34		Washington	2
Minnesota	1		Wisconsin	30
Mississippi	6		Wyoming	4

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for West Virginia: 1995

	Person trips <sup>†</sup>	Number of travelers <sup>†</sup>	Trips per traveler	Miles <sup>*</sup>	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
<b>PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA</b>	<b>6,094</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	5,691	1,362	4.2	2,940	2,158	517
Commercial air	239	144	1.7	517	3,583	2,158
Intercity bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Train	21	10	2.1	34	3,336	1,589
Other	140	95	1.5	89	932	636
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	1,413	337	4.2	733	2,177	519
Visit friends or relatives	2,015	752	2.7	1,212	1,612	602
Leisure	1,667	734	2.3	1,108	1,510	665
Other	999	426	2.3	528	1,240	528
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	1,263	425	2.0	759	1,788	601
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,220	758	4.3	1,847	2,439	574
\$50,000 or greater	1,611	248	6.5	975	3,933	605
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	1,351	397	3.4	761	1,917	563
25 to 64	4,213	846	4.0	2,450	2,896	581
65 and over	530	159	3.3	371	2,335	699
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	3,200	676	4.7	1,872	2,770	585
Female	2,893	737	3.9	1,709	2,321	591
<b>PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA</b>	<b>8,450</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	7,841	1,320	5.9	3,851	2,919	491
Commercial air	366	137	2.7	850	6,202	2,323
Intercity bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Train	14	2	5.8	9	3,662	635
Other	228	77	2.0	178	2,319	781
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	1,691	241	7.0	940	3,896	556
Visit friends or relatives	3,709	755	4.9	2,293	3,038	618
Leisure	1,912	462	4.1	895	1,936	468
Other	1,139	278	4.1	762	2,737	669
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	1,309	275	4.8	706	2,564	539
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,850	614	6.3	1,933	3,148	502
\$50,000 or greater	3,292	596	5.5	2,250	3,779	684
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	1,724	296	5.8	974	3,290	565
25 to 64	6,084	1,032	5.9	3,441	3,334	566
65 and over	642	138	4.7	473	3,439	737
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	4,608	745	6.2	2,557	3,434	555
Female	3,842	724	5.3	2,331	3,222	607

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